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WATCH FOR COMMON BARBERRY BUSHES

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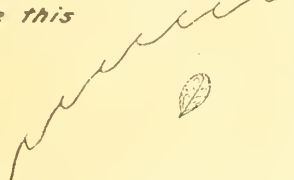
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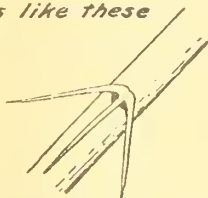
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*When you find
a spiny bush
with-*

*Edges of leaves
like this*



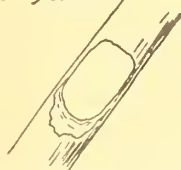
Spines like these



Berries like these



Inner bark yellow



*It is a
Common Barberry
and should be
reported at once*

COMMON BARBERRY BUSHES ARE CLASSIFIED IN THE MINNESOTA STATE LAW AS NOXIOUS WEEDS. THEY SPREAD BLACK STEM RUST TO OATS, WHEAT, BARLEY, AND RYE.

POOR QUALITY, POOR YIELD, AND A LOWER PRICE PER BUSHEL ARE THE RESULTS WHEN GRAIN IS ATTACKED BY STEM RUST.

COMMON BARBERRIES ARE NOT NATIVE SHRUBS BUT BIRDS HAVE SPREAD THE SEED FROM PLANTED BUSHES TO WOODLOTS, ORCHARDS, FENCE ROWS, DITCH BANKS, AND UNCULTIVATED LAND WHERE THEY GROW READILY.

*Spread of
Barberries by
birds*

*Birds eat the
berries*



*Carry them to their
roosting places*



*Where they cough
up the seeds*



*From which seedling
bushes grow*



*They in time
bear fruit which
is again carried
farther on*

Report the location of all Common Barberry Bushes to your County Agent or to the Barberry Eradication Office, University Farm, St. Paul, Minnesota

